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"My Church."

Jesus said "I will build my church." Let us for a moment consider the person to whom these words were addressed. Peter was a stone—a grand foundation stone. A stone? By nature he was but a handful of sand, which a maiden's breath scattered to the winds. But Christ touched him, and petrified him into a rock that neither earth nor hell could move.

Then again consider Saul of Tarsus, a human volcano, breathing out threatenings and slaughter against all that called upon the name of Christ. But at a word from the crucified but risen Nazarene he is changed into a whole burnt offering, counting not his life dear unto him so that he may win Christ. And as we gaze upon him, we hear him say, "By the grace of God I am what I am."

Jesus said "I will build my church." Read the 6th chapter of first Corinthians and see the list of forbidden and rejected stones. Thieves, murderers, fornicators, liars, etc., etc., etc., shall not form a part of this temple. Thieves, drunkards, and evil minded men in a holy, pure church? Impossible! There are such in all the churches of earth, but in the Lord's church they can never be found. The true material may have been all this and more too, but as we read a little further on in the same chapter, "But ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the power of the Spirit of our God." Yes, old things have passed away, and all things have become new. They are new creatures in Christ Jesus, and are translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear son.

Jesus said "I will build my church." Look at the structure. On the one hand we see a lot of hard working sons of toil, who could not open their mouths only in blasphemy. A live coal from the altar of God has purified their lips. On the other hand a band of Fijian cannibals, whose very name was a terror to the world, but Jesus touches their hearts and lo! they are transformed unto fit stones for the great temple. Again we see a gang of African Hottentots, who had sunk so low that our scientific men refused to own them as brethren. Christ touches them and they became sons of the living God. So wherever we turn, whether amidst barbarous or civlized nations we behold in every stone a miracle of grace. What encouragement this is. We turn to his word and we face the glorious promise "Lo, I am with you always."

Jesus said "I will build my church." It is he who will provide the laborers. It has pleased God to save man by man. Man becomes a co-worker with God. Had he chosen angels to do this work, we should have had no chance of doing anything. Some people thoughtlessly say "I would like to be an angel." It this wish was granted what a privilege we would lose. Let us rather prefer to be active Christians. We can do what no angel is permitted to do—preach the Gospel by living sermons. We can teach the ignorant. We can support the cause of Christ by our labor and contributions. If all professing Christians had a mind to work, the great desideratum of the world would be met. What a variety of work is open to us. Some have to go to the quary and get out the stones, some have to raise them to the top, some have to crave and polish and shape them for the position they are designed to occupy. "There are diversities of operations, but it is the same God that worketh all in all." An archangel can do nothing without God, but the feeblest of us may do wonders if God be with us. The greatest honor we can have is to be able to say, "I serve the Lord." God will always put the right man in the right place. To think that God can only be served in the pulpit has caused many a useful layman to become a poor and feeble minister. God never makes a mistake if we follow his guidance, and use present opportunities for his service. Let us remember that our work is right where we are, and let us use the very tools we possess. Let not the sculptors find fault with the quarymen, or the quarymen complain of the sculptors. Charity and union will overcome every defect. Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? Don't look at your weakness, but rather remember your Master's strength.

E. MASON.

The Mayor's Message.—May we be pardoned for requesting the Mayor to incorporate in his next message the fact that many of our most prominent citizens have been cured of rheumatism, neuralgia and kindred complaints, by Salvation Oil, and that he recommend this valuable medicine to be kept in every family.

OUR CHURCH.—From 5th page.

College. For some time he was a member of the Board of Trustees. In early life he engaged in school teaching. He was over sixty years of age.

A letter from sister Moyer, at Oberlin, informs us that her husband, Bro. Harvy Moyer, is busy at his studies again, and is studying Short-hand in addition to his regular studies.

A brother asks for sample of tracts to do mission work with. We wish we would not need to confess that we are poorly supplied. If brethren will exercise a little patience we will have all those things in the near future. We want first class tracts to set forth the teachings of the Brethren, but they cannot be produced without sacrifice, and that cannot all be done at once.

Bro. Isaac Kilhefner, is still warring away at Campbell, Mich., and more than a score of additions to the church have been made. On Monday of this week baptism was performed, and the meeting may then close. From there he will go to Brighton, Ind., which will be his address until further notice. He will go to the Miami Valley after he leaves Brighton. We are much encouraged to hear of the success of our brother in the good work.

Bro. John Kurtz and wife, of Williamsport, Dakota, who have been spending the winter in Cleveland, came down to Ashland, last week and spent Lord's Day with friends and brethren in Ashland. They expected to spend this week in Ashland, but sister Kurtz desired to return to Cleveland on account of eye disease. Bro. Kurtz, who formerly resided here, has many warm friends and he always feels very much at home about Ashland. We are sorry that the visit was thus cut short.

Bro. E. M. Jerrald writes to us from far off California, saying, Please mention through the EVANGELIST that I have more and better reasons for being satisfied with life than I ever had been before, and say that if any of my old friends in Philadelphia and Virginia wish to write to me, I shall be glad to have them direct to Sanfrancisco, Cal,. He further adds that he is doing well financially, and has ample opportunity to work for Jsus, and will in the future contribute to the College. We are glad to here of the favorable situation of our brother and wish him God speed in good works.

HARLEYSVILLE, PA., Jan. 10, 1889.—Dear Bro: I suppose you know of my Eye trouble, I have been under the treatment of the celebrated Dr. Fox, of Phila., since March, and about three months ago, I underwent a very critical operation on both of them. At first it appeared a success, but did not as yet, result in expected benefit. But it may for all save me for a while from total blindness. I am at present in a kind of twilight—would have light enough to read an ordinary print for a short time. But the operation changed the focus of the eye and so distorted my vision that I can see nothing distinctly. Therefore with all the light, or sight that I have it is a hard strain on them to read five minutes with the most expensive glasses that human skill is yet able to produce, and there is but very little hope for any futher improvement. It is indeed very hard for me to be thus deprived from the greatest enjoyment of my life. But will try by God's help patiently to submit. Yours in hope.—ABRAM H. CASSEL.

To take the Scriptures for our directory is to walk upon a path which, either rugged or smooth, overshadowed or illuminated, shall bring us at length to immortality and joy.

Notice.

This notice is to inform the readers of the EVANGELIST in and about Auburn, Ill., that the statement is incorrect, that a certain person made to some one in regard to him challenging me for a discussion and silencing me and making me retreat. He did not give the matter to you in its true light. I deny that he silenced me or made me retreat.

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